

## THE CLUB IS GROWING

NINE NEW MEMBERS TAKEN INTO  
COMMERCIAL CLUB.

### NEW BOOKLET IS DISCUSSED

D. M. Lowe Told of Experiences in  
Portland Trip—Other Business of  
Importance Transacted.

The Commercial Club held its regular monthly meeting last Monday evening. An interesting feature of the meeting was a talk from D. M. Lowe, as to the recent Land Products Show at Portland. Mr. Lowe talks interestingly and held the attention of the club closely. Mr. Lowe stated that a good share of the credit for his success at the show should go to Mrs. Lowe, whose preserves, canned fruits, etc., were an important part of the exhibit. The club voted that the prize of \$250, outside the \$100 pledged by the club, should go to Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and will present them a testimonial later.

There were nine new members elected, as follows: Max Pracht, Gerald Woods, W. T. Veghte, Ed Hadfield, B. J. Griffith, Avery Traak, B. W. Talcott, Sidney Sanderson and C. W. Fraley.

The matter of the Sunset booklet was taken up and a contract entered into with that magazine for advertisement as heretofore outlined. A committee consisting of C. B. Watson, G. F. Billings, C. B. Lamkin and D. M. Lowe was appointed to consult with the Sunset Magazine regarding the booklet.

A vote of thanks was given the Southern Pacific Railway Company for its courtesies in connection with the exhibit at the Land Products Show.

The club is under obligations to Professor Gilmore for several choice piano selections.

### Clean-up Sale.

I will sell my dry wood to clean up: Cord wood, \$5.50; block wood, \$2.50; 12-inch block wood, \$2.25. Split wood 25 cents extra. Lay in your supply now. Wood is getting scarce. Wood choppers wanted. Phone 420-J. J. F. Rocho. 54-1f

### NEW BASKETBALL TEAM.

Ashland Polytechnic School Gets in  
the Field.

The boys of the Polytechnic College organized a basketball team at the regular meeting of their Athletic Association on Monday afternoon.

The boys have secured the services of Mr. Douglas as coach, and have made arrangements with the manager of the Natatorium floor by which they have the use of the same for practice work for five nights in the week. The college has good material for a winning team, and with the prospect of the enrollment of several good prospects after the holidays the boys are enthusiastic.

## PASTOR DIED SUDDENLY

Rev. M. W. Smith Died Shortly After  
Having Returned From  
Ashland.

Milford W. Smith, pastor of the Christian church at Talent, died suddenly Tuesday evening from apoplexy. Mr. Smith had just retired when he was stricken and died before Dr. J. F. Hart, who lives next door, could reach his bedside. The deceased had a slight stroke of apoplexy about two months ago. Mr. Smith had been pastor of the Talent church about six months. He leaves a wife and nine children, three of whom are married and live in Washington, where the remains will be taken for interment.

Rev. Mr. Smith was 54 years of age. He leaves a wife and ten children—Naoma, of Kennewick, Wash.; Mabel, of Finley, Wash.; Myrtle, Linn, Minnie and Walter, of Spokane, and Milford, Hazel, Millard and Robert, all of Talent. He was pastor of the Christian church, taking his pastorate in Talent in July after having served at Spokane.

Rev. Mr. Smith was an old friend of O. H. Johnson of this city, and was in Ashland a few hours before his death, visiting Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson speaks very highly of the deceased, whom he has known for many years.

### WOULD REMOVE BARN.

City Asked to Have Max Pracht  
Remove Structure.

Attorney B. F. Mulkey appeared before the city council Tuesday evening to petition them in behalf of E. J. Arant that Max Pracht be compelled to remove a barn recently erected by him near Euclid avenue. The petition, which was very lengthy, recited that Pracht built the foundation seven years ago and put up the barn last August. That it was on higher ground than the residence of petitioner and that the manure leached onto petitioner's land and the odor annoyed him and his family.

The matter was referred to the sanitary committee.

Councilman Cunningham asked Mr. Mulkey to define a nuisance and he defined it as anything that annoyed any number of people or that was detrimental to their health or that damaged their property.

### To Have "Bob White" Here.

Deputy Game Warden Hubbard has been authorized by Game Warden Finley to trap California valley quail in this part of the state for exchange for "Bob White" quail from the northern and eastern part of Oregon. The cheerful sound of the lattie will be music to many from the Mississippi valley.

## PARK HOTEL CHANGES

Mrs. Jack Beagle Takes Hostelry  
and Will Give Public Good  
Service.

Mrs. Jack Beagle, well known in this city as a good cook and experienced at hotel work, has leased the Park Hotel and solicits your patronage. Mrs. Beagle will have charge of the cuisine and with a ranch with plenty of fresh meat, milk, eggs and vegetables to draw from will endeavor to give home cooking of the highest kind. The house will be thoroughly renovated and well heated. A good substantial meal will be served for 25 cents, with salads, extra desserts, etc., extra. Short orders at all hours. Clean rooms at 25 cents up. Give her a call.

### Evangelistic Meetings.

In response to the call published in last week's papers, a number of the local pastors met Monday at the Presbyterian manse to discuss and arrange for a series of union evangelistic services this coming winter. After a general discussion of the ways and means, it was unanimously decided to begin the meetings January 6 and to hold a week of services in each of the following church buildings in the order named: Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist and M. E., making four weeks in all as the minimum. Committees on finance, music, advertising, etc., were appointed. Further details will be given the public each week. The announcement is made now in order that all interested may arrange their affairs so as to attend the services. Meanwhile the pastors ask that all the Christian people of the city unite their prayers for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this union movement.

### Put in Electric Clock.

The Citizens Banking & Trust Company has put a fine electrically controlled clock in its banking rooms. The clock has been placed in such a position that it is visible from the street and a lamp will be so placed as to light it all night. As this is the farthest east of any accurate clock in a public place in the city, it will prove a great convenience to the residents of that section of the city, and the bank is to be commended for its public spirit in installing it.

### Must Collect Licenses.

Alderman Cunningham brought up the matter of collection of various licenses due the city at the council meeting Tuesday night. Recorder Hurt stated that the billiard halls and certain occupations which were obliged under the ordinance to pay license had not done so, and the chief of police was instructed by Mayor Neil to see that the law was enforced.

### Sacred Concert at M. E. Church.

There will be a sacred concert at the M. E. church next Sunday evening. There will be solos, duets, quartets, choruses, etc. Everybody invited.

Phone No. 39 when in need of job printing. Work and prices are right.

## FROHBACH ANSWERS COUNCILMAN CUNNINGHAM

A Little of the History of the Various Bond Issues Is Given—  
Declares Added Bonds Won't Benefit the City

In answer to Councilman Cunningham's arguments in favor of the \$25,000 bond issue, I wish to submit the following for the voters' consideration:

Mr. Cunningham asks the question, "Will issuance of these bonds be a good business proposition?" Mr. Cunningham says "Yes," but he does not base his declaration on any facts or estimates.

I say they will not be beneficial. At the time the people were first called upon to vote for bonds for an electric light system it was declared and represented that the city of Ashland should have, and would have a board or commission to manage the water and light plants, and that they would not be left to the management of a city council, changeable and uncertain. This promise was not kept, and nothing has ever been heard from it since the people voted the bonds.

The city council has never made an effort for the appointment of any commission or board of public utilities, but has preferred that the same should be managed through the common council and the political machines incident naturally to city governments, and it does not now show any disposition to do otherwise. The light system can never be a success as long as the system remains under the control of political councils, with the changes of administrations, and as long as the people are deceived with false statements as to the paying powers of the plant; and it is time to call a halt in the council being given more money to speculate with, on mere guesswork and uncertainties.

In order to better understand the present conditions, let us go back a few years and look into the history of the electric light system.

About four years ago the people, angry at the raise of rates by the A. E. P. & L. Co., voted \$50,000 bonds for the establishment of a municipal plant, assured that that amount would cover the entire cost and that the municipal plant would be capable of producing all the electricity required for the use of the

people of the city. This money was spent, and the city plant was but partially completed.

Again the city council had estimates made and it was decided that it would take an additional \$30,000 to complete the plant and the people were again asked to vote that amount of bonds with the assurance that the same would be amply sufficient.

That amount was expended, and still the plant was incomplete. Again they came to the people for \$25,000 more bonds to complete the plant, and the people, having made a start, concluded to see the matter through and again voted the required amount. That amount has been expended, and now it is found, so they claim, that the plant will not furnish the required amount of current, and again they come and ask the people to vote \$25,000 more bonds, and if such last amount should be voted we venture to say that it would be but a beginning of further bond issues. For illustration: The estimates made are that it will require \$9,000 to extend the distributing system. That may be so, as when that amount shall have been expended something certainly will have been done, although it may not be all that one would expect. The other \$16,000 is to be applied in building another power plant at the intake of the lower water system, taking the water from the upper system, through which it is now distributed to the people, and distributing all the water through the lower system, of which purpose we are satisfied that the people who live on the uplands and have been greatly crippled in the past for sufficient water, cannot approve. But of this vital point we do not pretend to deal in this article. We wish to show that the estimate made for the construction of the electric plant at the lower system cannot be built for \$16,000, and that the move is merely an adroit method of again pulling the wool over the eyes of the voters and getting them to make a start, and then have to vote more bonds to perfect another plant. 1

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## NO ONE PROPOSES SELLING CITY LIGHT PLANT

Investigation by Mr. Frohbach Not for That End, Nor Could It Be  
Done Without Vote of the People

The report has been started that the investigation into the finances of the city light plant had for its object the creating of a sentiment that would compel the selling of the plant. So far as the Tidings can learn there is no foundation for this. There has been for several months a rumor that the plant was not paying, despite reports of those in charge, and it was purely a desire to know the facts that induced a goodly number of the business men and taxpayers of the city to contribute toward the getting and publishing of the report. It is certain that the report was not ordered for the purpose of "putting the plant in a hole," nor does the writer believe that there has been any attempt to do so. The superintendent recently stated in a signed communication to the Tidings that the plant was more than paying its way and that it was laying aside money toward paying the bonds. Mr. Butterfield said: "There is income sufficient at this time to pay operating expenses, depreciation, and lay aside a sinking fund to pay off the bonds and interest on the same."

The accuracy of the statement was questioned and the Frohbach examination of the books was the result. That this report was questioned is probably largely because of the common belief that the books in the past were so kept that it is impossible to tell the cost of the plant, or any particular part of it. This fact engendered a suspicion that equally lax methods of accounting might still exist, and according to Mr. Frohbach's report they do still exist. The taxpayers are certainly not to be blamed for wanting to know these things, and they are entitled to know them. Their desire for this information does not indicate that they are opposed to the plant, much less that they are working for the private plant. No one has proposed the sale of the plant except as those who take exception to the report have spoken of it, nor could the plant be sold ex-

cept by a vote of the people. However, there does seem to be a decided sentiment against the voting of more bonds, in view of past loose accounting methods, without some definite knowledge as to the purposes to which it is to be put; the probability that it will render the plant more nearly self-supporting, and, above all, WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL INTERFERE WITH THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM. The latter is the vital question in the matter. A useless addition to the bonded indebtedness of \$25,000 is bad enough. The crippling of Ashland's water system would be infinitely worse.

The present plant has done all that is possible in the way of lowering rates. All that an addition could do that would be of benefit to the city would be to increase the net earnings or decrease the net loss. Whether or not this can be accomplished by the proposed bond issue seems to be the question before the people, and many of them believed the Frohbach investigation necessary to determine the status of the present plant as a preliminary to deciding the main question. For this reason, as the writer understands it, the business men and others contributed to have this examination made and published. The other phase of it, that of danger of crippling the waterworks system, is one that is even harder to decide, and there seems even more conflict of evidence and opinion in this matter than in the other.

The Tidings fully understands that the city plant has saved money for the light users, nor has anyone denied that, but the question of taxing all the people for the benefit of part is a question to be decided by the voters, and they should know whether or not it is necessary to do this; whether or not it is possible to make the city plant self-sustaining.

The Parent-Teacher Circle will meet at Bellevue school Friday, December 6.

### HOSPITAL FOR GRANTS PASS.

Miner Leaves \$35,000 for That Purpose.

John F. Green, a native of Stockholm, Sweden, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital at Grants Pass the 25th of November, at the age of 39 years. Green had been brought to the hospital from Galice, where he followed the occupation of a miner, suffering from tumor of the stomach.

On November 14, eleven days before he died, Green made his will, bequeathing his property, after a number of small bequests were made, to the founding of a hospital at Grants Pass, one condition of the bequest being that Miss Jean Aitchison and Mrs. B. Dolly, who were nurses at the Good Samaritan, be in charge of the nursing at the new hospital. His property is worth about \$35,000.

### Rogue River Wet.

Rogue River went wet Monday at the annual city election by a vote of 65 to 33, practically a two to one vote. One hundred and seven votes were cast, 47 being women, the first suffragettes in southern Oregon to exercise the right of the ballot as given them at the last election. Three councilmen, M. Burkhardt, B. F. Janson and John Thresher, were elected for one-year terms.

## MORE CANDIDATES FILE

O. H. Johnson Files for Mayor and  
Several File for Minor Places  
on Ticket.

There has been one filing for mayor up to the present writing (Wednesday afternoon); that of O. H. Johnson, the well-known jeweler. J. G. Hurt has filed for city recorder, making two filings for that office, Messrs. Hurt and Autry.

For councilman, Louis Werth has filed in the First ward for the short term and F. E. Smith is reported to be intending to file for the long term. G. S. Butler has filed in the Second ward and D. D. Good in the Third.

As previously stated, Mrs. Van Sant has filed as a member of the park board from the First ward and G. G. Eubanks as city treasurer.

College Boy Daren't Spend More  
Than Dad.

New York.—Sixty-five dollars is too much for a college boy to pay for an overcoat when his father is wearing a \$20 one, and the New York supreme court has just declined to enforce payment by the father of a tailor's bill of this character.

The suit was brought by a tailor in Middletown, Conn., against M. A. Bailey of New York, whose son is a student at Wesleyan University. When the tailor sent his bill to Bailey, the father replied: "I acknowledge no responsibility for this account. My son needed an overcoat and I expected to purchase it for him at \$20. The clothes I expected to purchase were of the grade that I purchased for myself. The grade is in harmony with his station in life."

### Women Win at Union.

Union, Ore., Dec. 3.—The annual city election was held yesterday. Unusual interest was manifested from the fact that it was the first time for women to vote. Three hundred and seventy votes were cast. The principal fight made by the suffragists was on the two councilmen and the city marshal to be elected. The following officers were chosen: Mayor, Robert Withycombe; councilmen, John Jacobs and William Wigglesworth; recorder, W. A. Terrall; treasurer, Osburn Richins; marshal, Gus Caspar; street commissioner, John Ferguson. The election was a complete triumph for the women who are taking an active part in the city's politics.

—W. D. Hodgson, on Scenic Drive, still has that wood lot for sale at a bargain. Road all built and two good camps. All ready for a hustler to get busy. Close to town. Price only \$4,500. Good terms for the 200 acres. 55-2t

### Notice.

—Our holiday display will be ready for holiday shoppers Saturday. East Side Pharmacy.

The PORTLAND EVENING TELEGRAM and Ashland Tidings one year, \$5.00.

Fourteen million dollars' worth of heating apparatus is made and distributed in New York City annually.

## INTERROGATE CANDIDATES

TIDINGS REQUESTED TO ASK  
WHERE THEY STAND.

### SOME QUESTIONS PROPOUNDED

Several Citizens Have Asked This  
Paper to Invite Statements From  
Aspirants for Office as to Position.

There have been requests made to the Tidings that this paper ask the various candidates for local office to tell where they stand as to various issues before the people. It has been suggested that they be asked to answer the following questions:

1. Are you for or against the issue of \$25,000 additional electric light bonds?
2. Are you for or against the issue of the proposed \$7,000 bonds for the purchase of a motor hose truck and additional fire hose?
3. Are you for or against the maintenance of Ashland as a "dry" city?

To these the Tidings of its own motion would add the following:

4. Are you for or against the installation of a system of accounting for the city which will show not only to whom each dollar of city money is paid, but for what purpose, and where the article or labor was used? In other words, do you favor putting the city finances under as close a system of bookkeeping and checking as modern business finds it profitable to install?

Space will be given candidates in the columns of this paper for a brief answer to each of these questions.

### Good Things to Eat.

Boneless herring, kippered salmon, blotters, salt mackerel, smoked halibut, home-made sauerkraut, home-made mince-meat, figs, dates, raisins, all kinds of cheese, home-canned fruit, in fact everything to be had you will find at the Ashland Trading Co. Phone 122.

### Cider Delivery.

Powell Bros.' pure apple cider delivered to any part of the city. Phone 130. 50-1f

### COUNCIL MEETING.

City Fathers Met Tuesday Evening  
in Regular Session.

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening with all members present except Councilman Sanderson. The usual bills were allowed and several petitions received.

Among the communications was one from the Fourth street billiard parlor asking permission to remain open until midnight. It was laid on the table, when the council were informed that the ordinance required it to close at 11 o'clock.

The sewer committee reported upon the matter of the sewer contention on North Main street, ordering that Mr. Stone connect with the sewer.

## DREAMLAND RE-OPENS

Orrae E. Angle Reopens East End  
Picture House and Is Drawing  
Good Crowds.

The Dreamland Theatre, which has been closed for some weeks, has been reopened under the management of Orrae E. Angle. Mr. Angle is providing the patrons of that class of entertainment with the very best in moving pictures to be obtained and is meeting with good success. He has secured the best film service to be had—high grade, clean pictures, has a competent operator, and is catering to and is getting the best class of patronage in the city. Mr. Angle has had much experience in the moving picture business, having, with other experience, been for some time with the Star Theatre in this city, and is popular with show goers. New pictures are shown every night.

—W. D. Hodgson has the Brush 18-acre tract, with buildings, close in, for rent. Also owns 8 acres, with bungalow, at Roseburg, for sale at bargain or for trade. 55-2t

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